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NEH Grant will Make Possible Research for Supplement to *The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*

A grant of $48,566 from the National Endowment for the Humanities will support research necessary to publish the supplement to Max Farrand's *Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*. Awarded to Project 87, a joint undertaking of the American Historical Association (AHA) and the American Political Science Association (APA), the grant will be administered by AHA. Additional funding has been provided by the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise. A nationwide search for documents will be conducted by Leonard Rapport of the National Archives and Records Service. James H. Hutson, chief of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, will prepare and edit the manuscript.

The first edition of Max Farrand's *Records of the Federal Convention of 1787* was published in three volumes in 1911 by the Yale University Press, which will also publish the supplement. Dr. Farrand (1869–1946), professor of history at Yale University and later director of the Huntington Library, included in these volumes documents that were produced by members of the convention while in attendance. These documents are principally notes of debates and recollections by members who were called upon in later years to explain the convention's actions. In 1937, Dr. Farrand published a fourth volume containing additional documents which he had discovered since the appearance of the first edition.

In the 47 years since Dr. Farrand's fourth volume was printed, numerous other documents generated by members of the convention have been discovered. For example, the notes of New York delegate John Lansing were made available to scholars in 1939. In recent

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years, convention notes of John Dickinson, Pierce Butler, Robert Yates, Elbridge Gerry, and others have been uncovered. The National Endowment for the Humanities grant will permit an intensive search to be conducted for other surviving convention documents in manuscript repositories and in private hands.

The project's editor, Dr. Hutson, has been an editor of the papers of Benjamin Franklin at Yale University and of publications at the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, Va. He has been a member of the history departments at Yale and the College of William and Mary and has written extensively on the revolutionary and constitutional periods. Leonard Rapport, the project's archival researcher, has held progressively responsible positions at the National Archives and Records Service since 1949. He has had extensive experience in the collection of documents relating to the ratification of the Constitution and the establishment of the Federal Government and has written numerous articles on the events of 1787 and 1788.

For additional information, contact Dr. Hutson, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Pulitzer Prize Winning Authors Annie Dillard and John Hersey to Read

Annie Dillard will read from her work on Monday, December 3, and John Hersey will read from his forthcoming novel, *The Call,* on December 4. Both readings will be held in the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Annie Dillard, born in Pittsburgh, received her bachelor of arts degree in 1967 and a master of arts degree in 1968 from Hollins College. She has taught poetry and creative writing at Western Washington State University. Currently, she teaches at Wesleyan University.

In 1974 she received the Pulitzer Prize in the category of general nonfiction for *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek.* Her other works include a collection of poems, *Tickets for a Prayer Wheel* (1974); a prose narrative which won a Washington Governor's Award for Literature, *Holy the Firm* (1978); a book of literary theory, *Living by Fiction* (1983); new and selected narrative essays, *Teaching a Stone to Talk* (1983); and a book resulting from her experiences on two different U.S. cultural delegations which met with Chinese writers in 1982, *Encounters with Chinese Writers* (1984).

John Hersey was born in Tientsin, China, in 1914, and lived there until 1925, when his family returned to the United States. He studied at Yale and at Clare College, Cambridge University. After serving for several months as secretary to Sinclair Lewis, he worked as a journalist and war correspondent. Since 1947 he has devoted his time mainly to fiction. From 1965 to 1970 he was master of Pierson College at Yale, and he spent the following year as writer-in-residence at the American Academy in Rome.

A Pulitzer Prize winner, he is adjunct professor emeritus of Yale University, past president of the Author's League of America, and is now chancellor of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Mr. Hersey's books include *Men on Bataan* (1942), *A Bell for Adano* (1944), *Hiroshima* (1946), *The Wall* (1950), *The Child Buyer* (1960), *Too Far to Walk* (1966), *The Conspiracy* (1972), and *My Petition for More Space* (1974).

The readings are sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

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Quartetto Beethoven di Roma To Perform November 30

The Quartetto Beethoven di Roma will perform in the Coolidge Auditorium on Friday evening, November 30, at 8 p.m. The program will include works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Richard Strauss, and Carlo Bruno.

The Quartetto Beethoven di Roma was formed in 1970 during the Beethoven Bicentennial and since that time has performed on five continents. The string players—violinist Felix Ayo, violist Alfonso Ghedin, and cellist Enzo Altobelli—were founding members of the celebrated I Musici, and pianist Carlo Bruno is an established soloist in Europe, as well as a composer. All four are professors at the Conservatory of Santa Cecelia in Rome. The Quartet performs the renowned masterworks for piano quartet and smaller ensembles,

STAFF NEWS

Jennifer Magnus Retires
Library Staff Member since 1949

Jennifer V. Magnus, assistant chief of the Order Division, retired on September 25 with 35 years of Federal service. A retirement party was held in the Mumford Room to mark this event attended by approximately 300 of Mrs. Magnus' friends and colleagues. Mrs. Magnus and her sons Leslie and John greeted guests.

Director for Acquisitions and Overseas Operations Robert C. Sullivan welcomed guests and introduced the guest of honor and her family. Mr. Sullivan enumerated the various positions that Mrs. Magnus has held in the Library of Congress since her employment in the Card Division in September 1949. After being promoted to a bibliographer-searcher position in the Order Division in October 1951, all of Mrs. Magnus' service in the Library was in the Order Division, with the exception of an eight-month detail to the MARC Editorial Division in 1979. Mrs. Magnus became assistant chief in June 1968. She received outstanding performance ratings and quality within-grade increases for sustained high quality performance in 1963 and 1970. She received Meritorious Service Awards in 1976 and 1980 and a Special Achievement Award in 1982. In February 1984, she received a Superior Service Award in recognition of conspicuous achievement while a member of the Library staff for 35 years, particularly for her excellent service as assistant chief of the Order Division.

Mr. Sullivan then introduced Assistant Librarian for Processing Henriette D. Avram, Associate Librarian for National Programs Carol A. Nemeyer, and Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh. A special guest from the Netherlands, Evert Overeynder, marketing director for the firm Martinus Nijhoff, booksellers and publishers, was also present. Mrs. Avram reminisced about her having worked together with Mrs. Magnus in the mid-1960s to plan and design the automated acquisitions systems for the Order Division. Dr. Nemeyer then read a poem that she had composed for the occasion, alluding especially to her work with Mrs. Magnus on various committees of the Special Library Association and the American Library Association. Mr. Welsh then recalled working with Mrs. Magnus in 1951 when she first was transferred to the Order Division. At that time Mr. Welsh was head of the Order Section.

Ms. Gail Moorhouse and her committee received recognition for their excellent arrangements and the program they had prepared. Mrs. Magnus then thanked everyone in brief remarks that so well demonstrated her delightful and incisive sense of humor.

Mrs. Magnus introduces Olga Pudilla-Waxler to her son John and his fiancee Janelle Haskin.

Lucia Rather, William J. Welsh, Carol Nemeyer, and Jennifer Magnus

25-Year Service Award Pins Presented to Steve Gray, Ernest Hedges, and Walter Pitchford

Mr. Gray, Mr. Pitchford, Mrs. Avram, and Mr. Hedges

In a ceremony held in her office on August 29, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services Henriette D. Avram presented 25-year Federal Service Award pins to Steve H. Gray, Ernest C. Hedges, and Walter Pitchford, Jr. Other staff members from Processing Services attending the ceremony were Mary Price, director for bibliographic products and services; Kimberly Dobbs, chief of the Serial Record Division; Dorothy Glasby, assistant chief of the Serial Record Division; Bridgetta Jenkins, assistant section head of the Processing and Reference Section; David Marshall of the Accessioning Unit; Charles Taylor of the Editorial and Reference Unit; and Dorothy Dickerson of the Search and Visible File Cataloging Unit.

Steve H. Gray, a catalog filer in the Filing Section of the Catalog Management and Publication Division, is a native of Waynesboro, Va. He began his career with the Library of Congress in 1959 in the former Card Division where he worked in the Stock Unit and later in the Estimating Unit. In 1974, he transferred to the Catalog Management Division as a filer in the Official Catalog.

Mr. Gray enjoys the outdoor life of fishing and boating. He is artistic and has exhibited his paintings in the Library of Congress Professional Association/Welfare and Recreation Association Staff Art and Craft Show. His artistic abilities have also been demonstrated through his labeling of the card trays for the Official Catalog. Mr. Gray was the recipient of a Special Achievement Award for this work.

Ernest C. Hedges, head of the Card Distribution Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service, received a bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College. He has completed course work for a master's degree in political science at the University of Maryland and has taken course work in library service at the Catholic University. Mr. Hedges served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps as a member of the renowned Silent Drill Team located at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hedges began his career with the Library of Congress in 1961, coming from the D.C. Public Library and working as a searcher trainee in the Card Division. He was promoted to senior searcher, subject orders clerk, and estimator in the Card Division and subsequently was transferred to Catalog Maintenance and Catalog Publications Division as editor of Card Proof. He transferred to the Card Division as assistant head of the Inventory Section and in 1968 was promoted to head of the section. As the result of a reorganization, he was again promoted to the position that he now holds as head of the newly organized Card Distribution Section.

In 1969, the Cataloging Distribution Service completed Project 70, an extremely involved process that resulted in the reallocation by year of the Card Division inventory of 110 million catalog cards. The project was made possible by the advent of machine-readable cataloging and automation which provided information never before available. The successful completion of the project, which substantially improved card service to the library community, was due in a great part to the efforts, exceptional job knowledge, and supervisory ability of Mr. Hedges.

In 1979, Mr. Hedges was named project officer to coordinate the advanced planning and preparations for the installation of an electrostatic duplicating system capable of generating single copies of individual catalog cards from machine-readable data. His capable performance led to the expeditious and successful installation and introduction of the CARD System, an innovation providing greater economy and flexibility in catalog card services.

In 1983, Mr. Hedges was one of the members of a team participating in the Design Print Project of the Library of Congress Optical Disk Pilot Program. He brought to this project his many years of expertise in the catalog card printing field and his most recent experiences with the prototype optical disk and print-on-demand system being installed in the Cataloging Distribution Service.

Over the years, Mr. Hedges has received outstanding performance ratings, quality increases, and expressions of appreciation for his dedicated and excellent service.

Walter Pitchford, Jr., began his Library of Congress service as a library technician in the Accessioning Unit of the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division in 1968. During the following years, he earned promotions to more responsible positions with the section. In 1981, he was awarded a quality step increase for consistently performing at a superior level and for participating in a pilot project that studied the realignment of work assignments within the section.

Mr. Pitchford's other Federal service employment includes work with the National Agricultural Library and his service with the U.S. Air Force.

Moses Perry Receives 25-Year Pin

Moses Perry, Jr., an offset duplicating press operator in the Printing and Processing Section of the Central Services Division, was awarded a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on July 11 at a brief ceremony in the office of Glen Zimmerman, the Associate Librarian for Management.

Mr. Perry began his career with the Library of Congress in 1959 as a collator and distributor in the Air Information Division. He was promoted to offset press operator in the Aerospace Information Division in in 1963. In 1965, he was transferred to the Office of the

Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Perry

Secretary, an office that was renamed the Central Services Division in 1969, where he continued in his position as an offset press operator. In 1971, he was promoted to supervisory offset pressman in the Card Division and in 1977 was promoted to the position of supervisor of the Card Production Unit in the Cataloging Distribution Service. He returned to the Central Services Division in 1980 and has worked in his present position since that time.

Mr. Perry is a native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Dunbar High School. He is married and resides in Temple Hills, Md., with his wife and three sons.

Health Benefits Fair Will Assist Staff Members in Selecting Plan

The Library will hold a Health Benefits Fair for staff members interested in the various insurance plans available to them during Open Season. Plan representatives will be present to answer questions and distribute information on Wednesday, November 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mumford Room (LM 649) of the James Madison Memorial Building. Health Services Officer Dr. Raymon A. Noble will also be present to answer questions.

Staff members may be granted up to one hour of excused absence with supervisory approval to attend the Health Benefits Fair.

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Sherlock Takes a Holiday

Sherlock Searcher has plenty to be thankful for this year, especially the many books he has found and the many readers he has been able to help. He also thanks you for your support and even your occasional donation of personal copies to the collections. Like yours, however, his task is never-ending, and the books listed here remain unlocated. He will not be in Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, nor will he answer ext. 77427, Collections Management Division, on Thursday, November 22. But if you know where any of these books are on practically any other day, he would be grateful for your assistance.

- Agar, Michael
  The Professional Stranger: An Informal Introduction to Ethnography. 1980. GN346.A42

- *America: A Catholic Review of the Week.* Vol. 144, Jan.–June, 1981. BX801.A5

- Baumrin, Bernard H.
  Hobbe's Leviathan; Interpretation and Criticism. 1969. JC153.H66B36

- Budge, Ernest A. T. W.
  The Divine Origin of the Craft of the Herbalist. 1928. R135.B85 R135.B851971

- Charniak, Eugene
  Artificial Intelligence Programming. 1980. Q336.C481980

- International Conference on Fifth Generation Computer Systems.
  Fifth Generation Computer Systems: Proceedings. . . . 1982. A76.5.I5451981

- King, Martin Luther
  The Strength to Love. 1963. BX6452.K5 BX6452.K51981

- Lewis, Robert A.
  Nationality and Population Change in Russia and the USSR. . . . 1976. B3607.L47

- Strauss, Leo
  Natural Right and History. 1950. JC571.S83

- Wolf, Alvin
  Lobbies and Lobbyists: In Whose Best Interest? 1976. K1118.W63

LCPA Candidates for 1985 Announced

The 1984 Library of Congress Professional Association Nomination Committee, chaired by educational liaison officer John Hass, has announced the following candidates for offices of the association in 1985: Kathleen T. Mang of the Rare Book and Special Collections, and Linda Tepp of the Cataloging Distribution Service for the office of president; Lee Avdoyan of the General Reading Rooms Division, and Julia Huff of the Examining Division for the office of vice president; Enikő Basa of the Catalog Management and Publication Division, and Brent L. Kendrick of the Cataloging Division for the office of secretary; and Doria Beachell of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee and Gabe Horchler of the Subject Cataloging Division for the office of treasurer.

The election period this year ends on November 30. The November issue of the *LCPA Newsletter* contained ballots and more information about the candidates. LCPA members met the candidates at the annual membership meeting on November 16. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on January 2, 1985.

Mr. Hass urges all LCPA members to vote and return ballots to him (LM 605) on or before the deadline of November 30.

Staff Activities

Thomas J. Blumer, a senior editor in the European

Law Division, participated in the October 21 dedication of the "Catawba Village Exhibit" at the Center for Southeastern Native American Studies at the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia, N.C. Dr. Blumer's lecture "Pre-Columbian Design Motifs in Catawba Indian Pottery" linked contemporary incised pottery motifs to ancient aesthetics of the pre-Columbian period. His discussion was illustrated by slides of 20th-century Catawba vessels, the 16th-century drawings of John White and Jacques Le Moyne, and examples of incised shards unearthed by archaeologists working in the South.

In conjunction with her work towards a master's degree in American studies at The George Washington University, **Beverly W. Brannan,** a curator in the Prints and Photographs Division, served as guest curator of the exhibition, "Things As They Were, F.S.A. Photographers Look at Kentucky, 1935-1943," at the Photographic Archives of the University of Louisville, Ky.

Photographs in the exhibition, many of which have never been published and thus never seen in Kentucky, are newly made prints from the original negatives in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. They are combined with quotations from the photographer's own field notes, letters, and documents in the Roy Stryker Papers Collection at Louisville's Photographic Archives. Mr. Stryker directed the FSA project for its duration.

Begun under the auspices of the Resettlement Administration in 1935, the project shifted to the Farm Security Administration in 1937, and disbanded in 1943 at the Office of War Information. These were Federal agencies whose photographic staffs pictured life in the U.S., documenting both the Great Depression and our preparation for war.

While most previous exhibitions of FSA photographs have dealt primarily with national, social, and economic issues or presented the photographs as art by individual photographers, this treatment emphasizes the chronology of the FSA/OWI project as federally funded documentation of the uniquely Kentucky aspects of the work. A historical text accompanies the exhibition.

The photographs cover the entire state and show both urban and rural settings. They cover such subjects as agriculture, homes, families, picnics, fairs, small towns, and social, religious, and economic life with emphasis on mining and tobacco. Works by photographers Marion Post Wolcott, Ben Shahn, John Vachon, Russell Lee, Carl Mydans, Esther Bubley, and Arthur Rothstein are included. The emphasis of the early photographs is on mining and agricultural communities during the Depression. Later views show small Kentucky towns and the preparation for World War II.

George J. Kovtun, Czechoslovak area specialist in the European Division, attended the 12th World Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in Toronto on October 25-28. He participated in a linguistic panel chaired by Professor Charles E. Townsend of Princeton University, and presented a paper, "How a Writer Deals with Colloquial Czech."

The Second Southeast Asian Studies Conference attracted hundreds of scholars to the University of Michigan August 2-4. The three-day conference was part of the Southeast Asia Studies Summer Institute, sponsored this year by the University of Michigan. In future years the Institute is expected to rotate to the campuses of other major universities having Southeast Asian interests.

Approximately 40 sessions and panels were offered in one of the largest meetings ever held in North America devoted exclusively to the study of this highly diverse geographical area including Burma on the west and ranging through mainland and insular Southeast Asia to the Philippines on the East. The intent of this conference's organizers was to provide an opportunity for both scholars and students to exchange views on ongoing research and current conditions in the Southeast Asian area. **Marjorie Niehaus** of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division read a paper entitled "The Aquino Assassination: View from the Capitol"; and **William Tuchrello** of the Asian Division spoke on the early history of American scholarship in Thailand. **A. Kohar Rony** of the Asian Division also attended the meetings.

Following the meeting of the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR in Glasgow September 19-20, **Ben Tucker,** chief of the Office of Descriptive Cataloging Policy, addressed a joint meeting of the British Cataloguing and Indexing Group and the Cataloging and Indexing Group in Scotland. The meeting, held in the lecture theatre of the Strathclyde Business School, had been arranged by Frank McAdams of the Department of Librarianship, University of Strathclyde, who is secretary of the Cataloguing and Indexing Group in Scotland. The chairman was Duncan Irvine of the University of Strathclyde Library. Mr. Tucker spoke on the American

experience with AACR 2. After describing the cataloging operation at the Library of Congress, particularly the part we call descriptive cataloging, he mentioned some of the problems we have faced in this country such as independent versus subordinate entry for subordinate bodies, qualifiers added to corporate headings, and uniform titles for serials. In this connection he also pointed to library developments in recent years, which, although ultimately of value to us as well as beneficial to library users, complicate cataloging regardless of the nature of rules: data bases incorporating records from multiple libraries, national and international cooperation, and programs such as CIP. In closing, he emphasized that such complexities guarantee the continued professional nature of catalogers' work. The address was followed by an interesting question-and-answer session. One of the topics raised was the increased desire for uniformity in cataloging practices as expressed by the national libraries of Australia, Britain, Canada, and the United States (ABACUS).

Eugenia Useriu, a senior cataloger in the French Section of the Shared Cataloging Division, is the author of the paper "Carmen Sylva, Queen of Romania and European Writer." The paper was read at the 8th annual convention of the American Romania Academy of Arts and Sciences held at the University of California at Davis in May of last year. The paper is published in the *Yearbook of Romanian Studies Association of America.* A bibliography is also included for the work of the royal author.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Jui-Nan Chou, computer systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 40388; Anita Forster, computer programmer, GS-11, ASO, 40415; Sandra Peoples, computer programmer, GS-9, ASO, 40415; Catherine Rivers, library technician, GS-4, Mus, 40653; Natalie Wargo, copyright information specialist, GS-7, Cop Inf & Ref, 40429.

Temporary Appointments: Nghiep Bui, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G114D; Vanessa Fox, secretary, GS-6, Ov Op, NP.

Reappointments: Richard Davis, social science analyst, GS-5, CRS Gov, NP; A. Delphenich, laborer, WG-3, NP; Raymond White, music preservation assistant, GS-4, Mus, 40653; Anthony Wilson, warehouse worker, WG-5, P&S, 40520.

Promotions: JoAnne Cavender, to systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 40388; Phillip Gill, to section head, GS-14, Cop Exam, 40670; Deborah Jackson, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS EPW, 40623; Aila Long, to systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 40388; Patricia Wilson, to alcohol and drug counselor, GS-11, Health, 40770.

Transfer: Charles Roberts, Jr., Col Mgmt, to head, Preservation Section, GS-9, Cop Rec Mgmt, 40626.

Resignations: Robert Bury, CRS AIS; Kathleen Devereaux, ASO; Martha Doyle, Photodup; Kimberley Holmes, Ser; Krandall Kraus, NLS/BPH; David Ladd, Cop; Valeria Thompson, Photodup.

Staff Carpool Locator

Dave Lindahl of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division, ext. 77242, is seeking an additional rider for a van pool coming from the West Springfield/Burke area (Keene Mill Road), Va., and parking in the Madison Building. Current members are on a schedule from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Donald Feliciano of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division, ext. 75936, is looking for a rider to join an established carpool that commutes between Herndon/Reston, Va., and the Library of Congress. The carpool leaves Reston at 7 a.m. and departs from Capitol Hill at 4:30 p.m.

Marita Stamey of Photoduplication Service, ext. 75636, is seeking a rider/driver for an existing carpool leaving Woodbridge, Va., at 6:15 a.m. and arriving at the Adams Building at 7:15 a.m. Current members are on a flexitime schedule.

Pam Wagner of the Office of Planning and Development, ext. 76233, would like to be a rider in a carpool coming from the Hyattsville, Md., area. She is on a part-time schedule, working full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her hours are flexible.

as well as works by Italian composers of their own era and earlier ones. On November 30, they will perform the String Trio in C minor, Op. 9, No. 3 of Beethoven; the Quartet in C minor, Op. 13 of Richard Strauss; and Carlo Bruno's *Piccola Musica* for string trio.

Tickets for the concert on November 30 will be distributed at the Washington Performing Arts Society box office, 1330 G St., N.W. (Jordan Kitt's), beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 26. Two tickets will be distributed to an individual, with a 25-cent service charge on each ticket. Phone orders may be placed by calling 393-4463 between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert, sponsored by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation, will be broadcast live over radio station WETA-FM. It will be made available to stations in other cities by American Public Radio, under the auspices of the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

AFB Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary Of the Talking Book

A birthday party in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the talking book was held Monday evening, October 22, in the Cloud 30 room and terrace overlooking New York's Central Park at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel.

More than 200 invited guests paid tribute to the first fifty years of the talking-book program, an event sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) in cooperation with the Library of Congress and the American Printing House for the Blind. AFB was instrumental in developing the original technology for the talking book.

After a brief social period, Alexander Scourby, a longtime narrator for AFB, began the program with opening remarks and a brief show titled "The Great Talking Book Narrators of the Past and Present."

John S. Crowley, chairman of the board of AFB, gave a brief talk on the history of talking books and then presented Frank Kurt Cylke, director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, with a plaque "in recognition of fifty years of continuous service in bringing the written word to blind and physically handicapped citizens through the talking-book program."

In his response, Mr. Cylke remarked, "Tonight we meet to briefly acknowledge fifty years of diligent work in bringing the printed word to those who require an especial medium. Fifty years ago we collectively produced and distributed a handful of recorded books. Last year more than two million five hundred thousand copies of more than two thousand book and magazine titles were produced. More than eighteen million items were circulated to approximately one-half million readers. We recognize our past—we delight at our present level of production—and we recommit ourselves to even more effort. Tomorrow we will start anew to work even harder."

Kurt Cylke then presented William F. Gallagher, executive director of AFB, with a platinum disk replica of *As the Earth Turns,* a first novel by Gladys Hasty Carroll. Mr. Cylke noted that this was the first novel issued by the American Foundation for the Blind-Library of Congress talking-book program.

Mr. Gallagher concluded his remarks with an invitation for Mr. Cylke to join him in cutting the anniversary cake.

Cutting the cake for the fiftieth anniversary of the talking book are (left to right) John S. Crowley, Frank Kurt Cylke, William F. Gallagher, and Alexander Scourby.

Maps Online Operational

Maps Online, the latest of the Library's automated input/update applications, went into production in March. It is the result of a cooperative effort by the Data Preparation and Files Maintenance Unit of the Geography and Map Division, the Automated Systems Office, with assistance from the Automation Planning and Liaison Office, and the Cataloging Distribution Service in Processing Services. Like *Maps: A MARC Format,* Maps Online includes all nonbook cartographic materials such as maps, globes, and relief models.

Moreover, Maps Online provides for the inclusion of records from full and minimal level Library of Congress cataloging records, GPO cooperative cataloging records, and *National Union Catalog* outside reports with editing and validation procedures based on the differing requirements for each category of record. Because of this diverse data base, Maps Online is designed to validate and generate as much content designation and

bibliographic data as possible. For example, each identifiable relationship within a field or within a bibliographic record is cross-checked by the system. Further, different sets of fields and/or subfields are automatically generated as appropriate for each category of record. ISBD punctuation within some fields is checked and the recording order and the accuracy of geographic coordinates is automatically validated.

Since late 1968, nonbook cartographic materials have been cataloged and the resultant bibliographic data

Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh (right) congratulates staff involved in the development of the Maps Online application at a celebration held September 20 in the Geography and Map Division. Elizabeth U. Mangan, Geography and Map, demonstrates the capabilities of the application as (left to right) David Carrington, Geography and Map, George Perreault and Bill Hamilton of the Automated Systems Office, John A. Wolter, chief of the Geography and Map Division, and Mr. Welsh look on.

have been converted to machine-readable form by the Geography and Map Division in batch-mode, using various input techniques that have progressed from punched paper tape to magnetic tape selectric typewriters to terminals. Online searching of the Maps data base became available August 20, 1980, through the use of the FIND and control number commands only. Full search capability of the data base, using all MUMS commands, became available as part of the implementation of Maps Online following the reindexing of the existing data base.

The Maps data base primarily represents the division's current acquisitions and includes materials in all languages, with nonroman alphabets transliterated. In addition, records have been created for some special collections in the division, such as the approximate 5,000 items contemporary to the American Revolution and 350 17th- and 18th-century Japanese, Chinese, and Korean items. Distribution of machine-readable records for maps and globes began in April 1973.

This carto-bibliographic file currently contains more than 85,000 records. The staff of seven catalogers and two verifiers process approximately 5,000 items each year. The Cataloging Unit performs the descriptive cataloging, subject analysis, classification, and shelflisting for each item, generating a cataloging worksheet which is then used by the Data Preparation and Files Maintenance staff for content designation and conversion to machine-readable form.

Authority records for names and series initiated by the Cataloging Unit will continue to be input by the MARC Editorial Division.

Map records are available for sale from the Cataloging Distribution Service on a monthly basis. Maps records and Books records for atlases are also available in the *National Union Catalog Cartographic Materials.*

New Network Planning Paper Issued

Electronic Information Delivery Systems: Proceedings of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting has been issued as Network Planning Paper No. 9 by the Library's Network Advisory Committee (NAC). This document contains seven papers presented by invited speakers at the committee's program session held on April 14–16. The goal of the meeting was to provide members and guest speakers a forum for discussion of issues emanating from the changing environments with which library networks and networking libraries must presently cope to prepare for the evolution in information technocracy.

The topic of electronic information delivery systems as they affect the publishing and the abstracting and indexing environments was discussed in terms of nontraditional information sources, new equipment and applications, and library/library user relationships. Predictions on how these systems may affect libraries are made considering standards being developed for electronic manuscript generation and transmission, present systems of manual and automated search and retrieval techniques, and the trends in new equipment design which will affect the interface between libraries and library users.

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